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25X1 [redacted] Elly Vogtmann, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called and said the Senate Select Committee has asked the Foreign Relations Committee for the following CIA transcripts: 12 March 1974 and 26 November 1973 of Mr. Colby's testimony, and 26 February 1969, 23 April 1969 and 23 June 1969 of Mr. Helms' testimony. She asked if we would prefer to send these directly to the Select Committee or to her for transmittal. I told her we would send them to her tomorrow.

25X1 22. [redacted] Accompanied [redacted] OCI, to an informal briefing of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Subcommittee on Panama in the office of Chairman Ralph H. Metcalfe (D., Ill.). The briefing went well despite the fact that most of the members of the Subcommittee were very irritated with the Administration's position on the Panama Canal treaty issue. (See Memo for the Record).

25X1 23. [redacted] Jim Smith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called and asked if they could have a sanitized version of the letter sent to the Chairman on the subject of Diego Garcia. I told him we would have it up to him later today (and it was sent).

25X1 24. [redacted] NIO/SEA, called to alert me to a call he had received from Mr. Michael Oppenheimer, GAO, regarding an inquiry GAO is making at the request of the House International Relations Subcommittee on the International Political and Military Affairs on the Mayaguez incident. (See [redacted] Memo for the Record). I 25X1 told [redacted] that I would take over the action on this item and I subsequently called Les Janka, on the NSC staff, who confirmed the statement made by Oppenheimer to [redacted] that GAO has sent a letter to the NSC on this subject. He also mentioned that contacts have been made with DOD and State Department. He said they are trying to sort this one out and would appreciate it if we could hold up on any substantive response to GAO until he (Janka) can get back in touch with us.

25X1 25. [redacted] Accompanied the Director to a meeting of the "Inner Circle" group of Administrative Assistants on Capitol Hill. Some 17 or 18 members of the group were present and the Director engaged in an informal discussion with them for about two hours. The group seemed genuinely appreciative of both the Director's time and forthrightness and commented numerous times on his obvious integrity and determination under the most adverse circumstances.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: GAO Request for Post-Mortem on the Mayaguez Affair

1. Mr. Michael Oppenheimer of the General Accounting Office (Code 189, ext 5550) telephoned me at 1030 hours 21 July. After introducing himself, he stated that the GAO was undertaking a post-mortem study of the Mayaguez affair at the request of the House International Relations Committee. The latter committee had asked the GAO to prepare two things: (a) a detailed chronology of the events and all US Government activities surrounding the Mayaguez incident, and (b) an analysis of how the US Government's "crisis management system" worked during the episode. Mr. Oppenheimer indicated that the director of the GAO project would be Mr. Charles Hylander, the Deputy Director of the International Division of the GAO. Mr. Oppenheimer and four or five other GAO staff officers would be working on the investigation.

2. Mr. Oppenheimer then stated that he had read my 15 May 1975 testimony before the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, and that he wanted to talk to me and "my people" concerning the Mayaguez. He added that the GAO would be requesting a number of documents from us. He further stated that the GAO had sent a lengthy letter to the NSC "last week" (date not further specified) asking for detailed information on what various US Government agencies had done during the Mayaguez affair.

3. I responded that I had no objection to talking to him, but that the proper channel for this request was through the CIA's Legislative Counsel. I indicated that I would pass the information in paragraphs 1 and 2 above on to the Legislative Counsel's office and that we would then call him back. I said that I knew the Senate Select Committee was also interested in the Mayaguez incident and expressed the hope that the Agency would not be asked to do the same thing at different times for different committees of the Congress. The conversation ended amicably on that note.

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